

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-13, 16-24, 26, 28-45, 48-52, 54 and 56-62 are pending, of which Claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 19, 20, 24, 32, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 51 are independent. Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1, 4-11, 13, 16-24, 26, 28-39, 41-45, 48-52, 54 and 56 were allowed. Claims 12, 40 and 57-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. For the reasons discussed below, the § 101 rejections are overcome.


Claims 12, 40 and 57-62, of which Claims 12 and 40 are independent, were rejected under § 101 for not being limited to tangible embodiments. In response, as suggested by the Examiner, independent Claims 12 and 40 are amended by the present amendment to specify that the computer readable code is "stored" on the computer usable medium. In this way, the claim is amended to specify that the claim relates to tangible, physical embodiments. As such, the Applicants respectfully request that the § 101 rejection to Claims 12 and 40 and their respective dependent claims 57-60 be withdrawn. Acceptance and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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